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we'd want the federal government to tell us everything that we want to know about our own budget and about how that should be structured and what the level of our state budget should be because we want some flexibility to make those decisions. we're accountable to our people if we exceed their expectations and their tolerance in taxing them. They have every right to be upset if we go above what's reasonable and necessary. And so do the people and the constituents of the village of Malmo or the village...town of Chadron or the city of Norfolk. have every right to complain to their city council and to remove them or to take action if they feel something has been done that's inappropriate, and I think we should let that system work when at all possible. And we've done some extraordinary things to try to lower property tax because it was an extraordinary problem that we couldn't seem to get a handle on. And we went, in some respects, beyond our normal control of local political subdivisions to try to bring that about, and I'm willing to stand behind that and I have stood behind that and I voted for that every step of the way. But I don't think that lends itself necessarily to the next step, that we have to be all-controlling in every other aspect of local business including occupation tax which has traditionally been left to their discretion and they're accountable to that, both to the people they impose the tax on that pay it and the industry or the occupation that's So I again feel that I would like to support the Bourne amendment and I'd encourage the body to support Senator Schimek's motion to reconsider and I thank Senator Schimek for filing the motion. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Members, I'd like just a reminder that at 11:45 we'll be moving to a motion to introduce the claims bills. The bills that are listed on the agenda are incorrect. The correct bills would be LB 849 and LB 850. Those are the claims bills for this year. Further debate on the motion to reconsider AMO574 to LB 329? Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. Today is one of those days where I'm delighted that I've never run for the Legislature as a conservative, claiming that I am a conservative, claiming that I am more